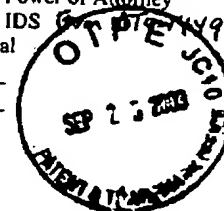


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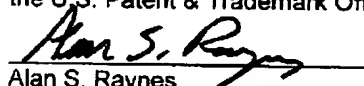
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In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, enclosed please find Form PTO-1449 listing the attached references which might be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

A. Non-English Language References

- ☐ Enclosed is a search report for a counterpart application. The search report Examiner has provided comments on the relevancy of any non-English language references cited in the search report.
- ☐ The specification incorporates comments on the relevancy of Non-English language references.
- ☐ Set forth below are comments provided by the applicant's home country counsel on the relevancy of non-English language references:
- ☒ The Notice of Reasons of Rejection for Japanese Patent Application 2000-005042 (from which priority is claimed for US 09/759,665) dated June 17, 2003 cites the following Japanese patent references: 09-260607, 11-340433, 09-116113, 10-083867 and 2000-196037. An English language abstract and computer generated translation (the accuracy of which is not certified) have been submitted for these references.

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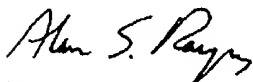
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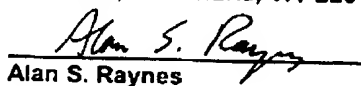
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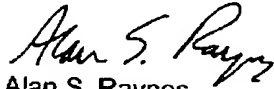
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